Moi is spoken by approximately 4000 people (Grimes 1992:578) in the *kecamatans* (subdistricts) Salawati, Sorong, and Makbon of the *kabupaten* (regency) Sorong in the West Bird's Head of Irian.Jaya (Silzer and Heikkinen 1991:64). To what extent the Moi language is still spoken on the island of Salawati is not clear. Van der Leeden (1993:11) reports: "The language map of East Salawati is complex because of the influx of several variants of the Moi language from the opposite coast of the Bird's Head. Moi people have since times immemorial settled on Salawati [....] They still possess traditions which connect them with the continent, but they freely intermarry with the eastern Salawatians. They have become integrated into the latter's communities and speak Butleh or Kawit."

The Moi people themselves distinguish two main dialects in their language: *Moi asli* and *Moi Segin*. Moi Segin is spoken in the villages Kalasaman, Aimas, Mariat Pantai, Kalamono, Yeflio, Segun and Gisim. Moi asli is spoken in Makbon, Batulobang, Malaumkarta, Asbaken, Dela, Mega, Kalayili and Sayosa.

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